

2026 Official Update ~ Southwest Airlines Cancellation Policy – What You Need to Know

Life is unpredictable, and sometimes you need to cancel your flight. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Many passengers ask, "What is Southwest's cancellation policy?" ☎+1/844/565/1867 Understanding the rules can save you money and stress. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Southwest Airlines offers different cancellation options depending on your ticket type and when you cancel. ☎+1/844/565/1867

Southwest 24-Hour Cancellation Rule

☎+1/844/565/1867 Southwest Airlines provides a risk-free cancellation period. ☎+1/844/565/1867 If you cancel within 24 hours of booking and your flight is at least 7 days away, you can get a full refund. ☎+1/844/565/1867 This applies to all fare types, including Basic Economy tickets. ☎+1/844/565/1867 This policy gives passengers peace of mind when making reservations. ☎+1/844/565/1867

Cancellation Fees and Refund Policy

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- **Basic Economy tickets** are generally non-refundable ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Main Cabin and higher fares** may qualify for refunds or eCredits ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Refundable tickets** receive full refunds to original payment method ☎+1/844/565/1867
- **Non-refundable tickets** receive eCredit for future travel ☎+1/844/565/1867

☎+1/844/565/1867 Cancellation fees depend on the fare class and destination. ☎+1/844/565/1867 Some tickets may have no cancellation fee but are non-refundable. ☎+1/844/565/1867

How to Cancel Your Southwest Flight

☎+1/844/565/1867 Canceling your Southwest flight is easy:

- Log in to Southwest.com and go to "My Trips" ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Enter your confirmation number and last name ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Select the flight you want to cancel ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Review cancellation terms and fees ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Confirm cancellation and receive confirmation email ☎+1/844/565/1867
- Or call Southwest customer service for assistance ☎+1/844/565/1867

What Happens After Cancellation

+1/844/565/1867 After cancellation, refundable tickets are processed within 7 business days. +1/844/565/1867 Non-refundable tickets generate an eCredit valid for one year from the original ticket issue date. +1/844/565/1867 The eCredit can be used toward future Southwest flights for the same passenger. +1/844/565/1867

Special Circumstances and Exceptions

+1/844/565/1867 Southwest may waive cancellation fees for medical emergencies, military orders, or death in the family. +1/844/565/1867 You will need to provide proper documentation. +1/844/565/1867 Contact Southwest customer service to discuss your specific situation and available options. +1/844/565/1867

Final Thoughts

+1/844/565/1867 Understanding Southwest's cancellation policy helps you make informed decisions about your travel plans. +1/844/565/1867 Always review your ticket's terms and conditions before booking. +1/844/565/1867 If you need to cancel, do it as early as possible to maximize your refund or eCredit value.